



**CALIFORNIA CHILD WELFARE COUNCIL
Youth Justice Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 5, 2025
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Call to Order, Roll Call, Announcements

Co-Chair Reyes convened the meeting and welcomed attendees. Staff provided instructions to committee members for participation and for public comment, then took roll. The following members were present: Co-Chair Brooke Harris, Co-Chair Katherine Lucero, Co-Chair Chief Robert Reyes, Dr. Carly Dierkhising, Virginia Corrigan, Frankie Guzman, Danielle Lowe, Chief Dan Prince, Chief Jennifer Branning, Kasey Halcón

The following members were not present: Diana Becton, Elizabeth Calvin, Juan Gamez, Hon. Tilisha Martin, Lauren Mendez, Rosalinda Vint, Tyee Griffith

Action Item: Approve December 4, 2024 Meeting Minutes

When quorum was achieved, Chief Prince moved to approve the December 2024 minutes and member Corrigan seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Co-Chair Updates

Co-Chair Reyes provided an update on behalf of probation chiefs, highlighting recent submissions of AB 102 data and ongoing efforts to engage and collaborate with local stakeholders to update Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant plans which are due in May.

Co-Chair Harris then provided an update on behalf of community advocate stakeholders, highlighting a new program in Los Angeles, Ramp Housing, that offers a comprehensive and tailored approach to young people transitioning from SYTFs. She also shared appreciation for a recent collaboration between the Office of the Fresno County Superintendent and other partners to conduct an evaluation of the initial years of the county's SYTF program, resulting in a transparent assessment of both the challenges and accomplishments. Co-Chair Harris noted that JJRBG funding and LRPs continue to be an area of focus and encouraged further development and utilization of LRPs.

Co-Chair Lucero shared several staffing updates for OYCR's office. She also shared that OYCR is working on its 2025 report to the Legislature and the Governor's Office about the efficacy of local programs during realignment, thanking key stakeholders including probation chiefs and representatives from community-based organizations for their participation and collaboration in the development of the report. She also shared an update on OYCR's Youth Employment Initiative in partnership with DOR and 9 participating counties. Finally, she shared an update and a video from the Rise Up House, an LRP in Solano County.

Presentation: Additional OYCR Updates

OYCR Ombudsperson Alisa Hartz shared an overview of the recent work of OYCR's Ombuds Office, highlighting key staffing updates that have increased the team's capacity. She then

shared data summarizing key details about the complaints regarding youth in facilities that the Ombuds Office has received and reviewed since 2022 and noted that the Office is in the process of preparing a Legislative Report for 2022-2024.

OYCR Data and Research Specialist Krystle Englehart then shared a summary of OYCR's AB 102 findings, highlighting that the goals of this report are to provide an update on statewide data regarding the progress of SB 823 realignment and to be able to provide feedback on progress and highlight potential areas of concern. She noted that AB 102 data is reported on the fiscal year which impacts the ability to compare the data to other systems based on different reporting cycles.

Facilitated Discussion: Committee Priority Areas

Co-Chair Harris facilitated member discussion about priority areas for the committee moving forward, reminding members that this was a continuing discussion from the December 2024 meeting. Co-Chair Harris shared that the priority area proposed in December 2024 by members was Racial and Ethnic Disparities, adding that the Co-Chairs suggested the committee also consider Diversion and Reentry as potential priority areas. Members discussed the options, resulting in a decision to stipulate that Racial and Ethnic Disparities should be a throughline focus in all priority areas (rather than a separate area of work), opting to vote on the following new priority area options: Data with a focus on outcomes, Diversion, Reentry and Conditions of Confinement.

Action Item: Committee Priority Areas

Co-Chair Reyes facilitated a voting process via raised hands, with each member advised to select two of the four priority area options.

- Data with a focus on outcomes: 6 votes
- Diversion: 6 votes
- Reentry: 3 votes
- Conditions of Confinement: 2 votes

The committee opted to adopt the two new priority areas that received the highest number of votes: Data with a focus on outcomes and Diversion.

Public Comment

Co-Chair Reyes opened the floor for public comment and staff provided instructions. Laura Ridolfi from the Haywood Burns Institute provided a public comment, first thanking OYCR for the data update and encouraged OYCR to publish appendices with as much data as possible, while also urging for critical thinking about changes to the current data deidentification policy, arguing that it currently limits advocates' ability to bring certain claims relating to racial and ethnic disparities on behalf of youth. She further urged for more data collection on LRPs and offered support from a coalition of community members to work with OYCR to further define program areas for data collection related to LRPs.

Adjourn

Co-Chair Reyes thanked the members and staff, reminding participants that the next meeting would take place on Wednesday, June 4, 2025. The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 pm.